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# New England World Selections

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## New England Opens New Era in Ancient & World Coins

Welcome to the premiere issue of **New England World Selections**. This is the first New England Rare Coin Galleries catalog published exclusively for ancient and world coin collectors, and we're sure you'll be pleased with its exciting offerings of high-quality coinage. A number of items here have never before been offered for public sale. In future issues of **New England World Selections**, we will continue to offer you, the readers of this catalog, our finest ancient and world coins before offering them to the rest of New England's clientele. In this way, we hope to give serious ancient and world coin collectors the first opportunity to acquire New England's "old world" offerings.

Current plans call for **New England World Selections** to be published bi-monthly — and, for as long as rising postage and handling costs allow, you will receive it free. As the publication grows, we will be adding more coins, more special features and a wider range of services for collectors. Please note that a list of our current services appears on the back cover, and that all of the coins in this month's **New England World Selections** are covered by New England Rare Coin Galleries' famous guarantees of grading and authenticity.

Readers new to New England will want to read the special editorial features on page 6. They outline the goals and purposes of New England's Ancient & World Coin Division, and explain our grading system. In addition, you may want to browse through a copy of our sister catalog, **Inventory Selections**.<sup>TM</sup> It is a monthly publication featuring an extensive offering of U.S. rare coins; select offerings of U.S. currency and world coins; plus many special features. A sample copy can be obtained from New England for \$1 . . . or a 12-issue subscription for only \$10.

If you have any comments or suggestions concerning **New England World Selections**, we hope you will write to us soon. If you need personal assistance, feel free to contact New England's numismatists toll-free: 800-225-6794 (in Massachusetts: 617-227-8800).

Gregory Potter  
Editor

### May Special Feature

Extremely Rare Double Specie-Daler



Denmark 1747  
MS-67

**New England World Selections** is proud to offer an extremely rare numismatic collectible from Denmark: the elusive 1747 Double Specie-Daler. Originally struck for the coronation of King Frederick V, this coin is difficult to find in any grade, and the specimen offered here is undoubtedly the finest known. An exquisite treasure for the serious collector.

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## ANCIENT GREEK

- W-1** ANCIENT BRITAIN: CA. 100 BC AV-STATER CF. MACK-135, EF-45. CELTIC DYNASTIC ISSUE. THE CATUVEILAUNI. OBV: Crescents in the angles of a cross. REV: Horse prancing right. "Whaddon Chase Type." Quite rare and seldom offered. . . . . 2,500.00
- W-2** BOEOTIA: THEBES, 379-338 BC AR-STRATER POZZI-1448, VF-35. . . . . 850.00
- W-3** BRUTTIUM: CROTON CA. 510 BC AR-STRATER BAB, PL-69-7, EF-45. OBV: Delphic Tripod from which serpents arise. REV: Same design incused. . . . . 6,000.00
- W-4** CALABRIA TARENTUM: 420-227 B.C. AR-LITRA VL-1506, EF-45. OBV: Pecten shell finely executed. REV: Dolphin right, Fulmen below. . . . . 225.00
- W-5** CELTIC: NO ITALY, ISUBRI OF MILAN, AR-DRACHM, AU-58. Imitation of Massilia's coinage. OBV: Male Head. REV: Lion walking. cf. M & M #47. . . . . 200.00
- W-6** CORCYRA: CA. 500 B.C., AR-STATER, VF-35. BMC-1. Cow suckling calf/two incuse rectangles highly decorated. Rare. . . . . 950.00
- W-7** CORINTH: 400-338 B.C. AR-STATER, VF-35. Head of Athena left/Pegasos flying left. . . . . 195.00



- W-8** CYME: AEOLIS, CA. 190 B.C. AR-TETRADRACHM BMC-78, MS-63. Mint State! Head of Amazon Cyme/horse walking right, within a wreath. Choice and lustrous! . . . 1,750.00



- W-9** GAUL: ANDECIVES, CA. 100 BC AV-STATER LAT-6744, EF-45. OBV: Head of Appollo right. REV: Androcephalic horse right, below a Gavlsh warrior. A very rare coin struck in charming Barbaric Style. . . . . 1,750.00
- W-10** JUDEA 2ND REVOLT: 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-181. Mesh-202 (year-3) Fluted jug with handle palm branch to right/legend in wreath. Choice! . . . . 575.00
- W-11** JUDEA 2ND. REVOLT: 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-184. Mesh-205 (year-3). Three stringed lyre/legend in wreath. Popular type! . . . . . 595.00
- W-12** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT 133-134 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-173. Mesh-183 (year-2) Fluted jug with handle palm branch to right/legend in wreath. Year two coins are rare! . . . . . 950.00
- W-13** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT 133-134 A.D. AR-DENARIUS. REIF-179, AU-55. Mesh-189 (year-2) Palm-branch/bunch of grapes. Year two coins are rare. Lovely iridescent toning! . . . . . 950.00
- W-14** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-181. Mesh-202 (year-3) Fluted jug with handle palm branch to right/legend in wreath. Choice! . . . . 575.00

- W-15** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, MS-60. . . . . 650.00
- W-16** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, REIF-187, MS-65. Mesh-206 (year-3) palm branch/bunch of grapes! Choice iridescent toning. . . . . 750.00
- W-17** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT. 133-134 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-173. Mesh-183 (year-2) Fluted jug with handle palm branch to right/legend in wreath. Year two coins are rare! . . . . . 950.00



- W-18** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT, 133-134 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, MS-60. REIF-174. Mint State! Mesh-182 (year-2) two upright Trumpets/legend in wreath. A museum quality specimen of this rare coin! . . . . . 1,750.00



- W-19** JUDEA: 2ND REVOLT, 134-135 A.D. AR-SHEKEL, MS-60. REIF-167. Temple of Solomon, Ark of the Covenant within/bundle of twigs and citron. A superb example! 2,400.00
- W-20** LUCANIA: VELIA, 400-268 B.C., AR-DIDRACHM, FINE-15. BMC-76. Head of Pallas left/lion left, devouring prey. . . . . 195.00
- W-21** MACEDON: ALEXANDER THE GREAT, AFTER 323 B.C., EF-45. AR-TETRADRACHM, M-424. Odessa mint. A charming coin made by the Celts! Unusually nice quality! . . . . . 795.00
- W-22** MACEDON: ALEXANDER THE GREAT, 336-323 BC AV-STATER, EF-40. S-537. Athena right/Nike left. Thunderbolt to left. . . . . 2,750.00
- W-23** MACEDON: ARCHELAUS-I, 413-399 B.C. AR-TETRADRACHM, VF-35. BMC-3. Ares right/bridled horse right. Rare! . . . . . 875.00
- W-24** PAMPHYLIA: ASPENDUS, 400-300 B.C. AR-stater, VF-35. Two Wrestlers/slinger discharging a sling. Triskeles of human legs to right. . . . . 325.00
- W-25** PERGAMUM: MYSIA, ATTALUS-I, 241-197 B.C. VF-35. . . . . 895.00
- W-26** PERSIA: ARTAXERXES-II, 405-359 BC AV-DARIC, BMC-58, VF-35. OBV: King running holding Boward spear. REV: Obling incuse. Quite rare! . . . . . 3,300.00

## ANCIENT ROMAN

- W-27** ANTONIA: D.37 AD. AE-DUPONDII RIC-82, EF-45. Antonia right/Claudius left. Some light porosity but still a choice coin! . . . . . 550.00
- W-28** CLAUDIUS: 41-54 A.D. AE-SESTERTIUS, RIC-60, EF-45. REV: "EX SC OB CIVES SERVATOS" in an oak wreath. MAGNIFICENT PORTRAIT! Olive green patin. . . . . 1,495.00
- W-29** NERO: 50-54 A.D., AV-AUREUS, RIC-95, AU-50. As Caesar. REV: Shield of the equestrian order. Superb sharp portrait! (See color photo.) . . . . . 8,500.00
- W-30** L. PLAUTIUS PLANCUS: 47 B.C. AR-DENARIUS SYD-959B, AU-50. Mask of Medusa/Aurora holding horses of the Sun. Light scratch on obverse. . . . . 375.00



- W-31** MACRINUS: 217-218 A.D. AR-DENARIUS S-1961, EF-40, Macrinus right/Felicity left. . . . . 245.00  
**W-32** MAXIMIANUS: 286-305 A.D. AR-ARGENTUS RIC-40B, EF-40, Maximianus right/Diocletian, Maximianus, Constantius and Galerius in front of camp gate. Scarce! . . . 395.00  
**W-33** PUPPIENUS: 238 A.D. AR-DENARIUS RIC-4, VF-35, Pupienus right/Pax seated left. His reign lasted only 98 days. Rare! . . . . . 475.00

#### FOREIGN GOLD

- W-34** AUSTRIA: 1927, 100-SCHILLINGS FR-435, PROOF-65. Only 69,000 coins struck. Most impressive. . . . . 750.00  
**W-35** AUSTRIA: 1929, GOLD 100-SCHILLING, FR-435, PROOF-65. Total mintage, including proofs, is only 74,000. Full Proof surfaces and frosted devices. . . . . 795.00  
**W-36** AUSTRIA: 1855-A, GOLD DUCAT, Y-23, AU-58, 235.00  
**W-37** AUSTRIA: 1866-A, GOLD DUCAT, FR-397, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. Only year of issue of this type. Full Prooflike surfaces. . . . . 795.00

- W-41** BADEN: 1913-G, GOLD 10-MARK, Y-29, MS-65. Very scarce only 42,000 struck! . . . . . 2,950.00  
**W-42** BELGIUM: 1868, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. Seldom seen this nice! . . . . . 295.00  
**W-43** BELGIUM: 1882, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. . . . . 245.00  
**W-44** BELGIUM: 1914, GOLD 20-FRANCS, FR-13, MS-63. Only year of the military bust type! . . . . . 250.00



- W-45** BELGIUM: 1914, GOLD 20-FRANCS, FR-13, MS-65. Only year of the military bust type! . . . . . 295.00  
**W-46** BOLIVIA: 1952, GOLD 50-BOLIVIANOS, KM-4, MS-65. Only 2,857 minted to commemorate the revolution. A massive gold coin containing 35 grams of pure gold! . . . . . 1,250.00  
**W-47** CANADA: 1911-C, GOLD SOVEREIGN, MS-63, 250.00  
**W-48** CANADA: 1913-C, GOLD SOVEREIGN, Y-25, MS-63. Only 3,715 struck of this key date coin. (See color photo.) . . . . . 1,450.00  
**W-48** CANADA: 1914, GOLD, 5-DOLLARS, MS-63. The Key date with only 31,122 struck! . . . . . 1,150.00  
**W-49** CZECHOSLOVAKIA: 1926, GOLD DUCAT, Y-15, MS-65. St. Wenceslas type. Only 59,000 minted! . . . . . 225.00  
**W-50** CZECHOSLOVAKIA: 1931, GOLD DUCAT, MS-65. St. Wenceslas facing. . . . . 250.00  
**W-51** EGYPT: 1922, GOLD 100-PIASTRES, FR-28, MS-65. King Fuad. One year type. Very choice! . . . . . 350.00  
**W-52** FINLAND: 1881-S, GOLD 10-MARKKAA, Y-5, AU-55. Only 100,000 struck of this scarce date! . . . . . 325.00  
**W-53** FRANCE: CHARLES-VIII (SEPT. 11, 1483) LAF-554, ECUD'OR AU SOLEIL, EF-40, Toulouse Mint. Traces of solder on reverse. Quite scarce. . . . . 475.00  
**W-54** FRANCE: LOUIS-XII, (1498-1515) ECUD'OR AU SOLEIL, EF-45, CIANI-900, Paris Mint. Attractive fully round specimen! . . . . . 950.00  
**W-55** FRANCE: 1739-A, GOLD LOUIS D'OR, FR-207, MS-65. A superb fully struck specimen without the usual adjustment marks. (See color photo.) . . . . . 3,750.00  
**W-56** FRANCE: 1824-A, GOLD 40-FRANCS, AU-58, PROOF-LIKE. A very choice example far above average! . . . . . 1,195.00  
**W-57** FRANCE: 1848-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. Angel writing on tablet. Two year type! . . . . . 350.00  
**W-58** FRANCE: 1851-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. The Ceres head type. . . . . 350.00  
**W-59** FRANCE: 1851-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. The Ceres head type. . . . . 450.00  
**W-60** FRANCE: 1852-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. Napoleon III as president of the Second Republic. Only year of issue. . . . . 425.00  
**W-61** FRANCE: 1852-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. Napoleon III as president of the Second Republic. Only year of issue. . . . . 550.00  
**W-62** FRANCE: 1853-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. . . . . 550.00  
**W-63** FRANCE: 1853-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 595.00  
**W-64** FRANCE: 1854-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. Some obverse bag marks. . . . . 425.00  
**W-65** FRANCE: 1854-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. . . . . 550.00  
**W-66** FRANCE: 1854-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 595.00  
**W-67** FRANCE: 1854-A, GOLD 5-FRANCS, Y-33, MS-63. A scarce coin rarely seen in Mint State! . . . . . 395.00  
**W-68** FRANCE: 1855-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 475.00  
**W-69** FRANCE: 1857-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. . . . . 450.00  
**W-70** FRANCE: 1858-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 595.00  
**W-71** FRANCE: 1859-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. . . . . 425.00  
**W-72** FRANCE: 1859-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. . . . . 550.00  
**W-73** FRANCE: 1859-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 595.00  
**W-74** FRANCE: 1859-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. . . . . 550.00  
**W-75** FRANCE: 1860-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. . . . . 575.00  
**W-76** FRANCE: 1863-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. . . . . 550.00



- W-77** FRANCE: 1864-A, GOLD 100-FRANCS, MS-65. Only 5,536 struck. The finest condition specimen of this type we have seen! . . . . . 4,950.00  
**W-78** FRANCE: 1865-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 595.00



- W-79** FRANCE: 1865-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-67, SEMI-PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 795.00  
**W-80** FRANCE: 1866-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-67, SEMI-PROOF-LIKE. . . . . 795.00  
**W-81** FRANCE: 1868-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-67. . . . . 695.00  
**W-82** FRANCE: 1870-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. Scarce date and mint! . . . . . 625.00  
**W-83** FRANCE: 1870-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-67. Scarce date and mint! . . . . . 750.00  
**W-84** FRANCE: 1877-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-67. Angel writing on a tablet! . . . . . 695.00  
**W-85** FRANCE: 1886-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-67. Angel writing on a tablet! Scarce date. . . . . 795.00  
**W-86** FRANCE: 1886-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-68. Angel writing on a tablet! Scarce date! . . . . . 895.00  
**W-87** FRANCE: 1935, GOLD 100-FRANCS, FR-338, MS-63. A splendid example of the rare Bazon type. It is doubtful if more than 200 of these coins exist. (See color photo.) . . . . . 2,500.00  
**W-88** GERMAN EAST AFRICA: 1916-T, GOLD 15-RUPIEN, AU-58. Type-1. Only 6,395 struck. This is the highest grade coin of this type we have handled! Quite rare! . . . . . 3,250.00  
**W-89** GREAT BRITAIN: CHARLES-I, (1628-1629) AV-CROWN, VF-30. NORTH-2182. A very scarce denomination in gold, from the famous LOCKETT collection! . . . . . 650.00  
**W-90** GREAT BRITAIN: 1653, GOLD UNITE, S-3208, AU-58. A magnificent specimen of this rare Commonwealth gold piece. Lovely iridescent toning! . . . . . 7,500.00  
**W-91** GREAT BRITAIN: 1821, GOLD SOVEREIGN, MS-63. Very choice and sharply struck! (See color photo.) . . . . . 2,250.00  
**W-92** GREAT BRITAIN: 1822, GOLD SOVEREIGN, MS-67. A superb GEM rarely seen this choice! . . . . . 3,950.00  
**W-93** GREAT BRITAIN: 1829, GOLD SOVEREIGN, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. Full Prooflike surfaces! . . . . . 2,250.00  
**W-94** GREAT BRITAIN: 1871, GOLD SOVEREIGN, MS-63. The Younghead/Shield back type! . . . . . 395.00  
**W-95** GREAT BRITAIN: 1871, GOLD SOVEREIGN, MS-65. The Younghead/Shield back type! . . . . . 450.00

- W-38** AUSTRIA: 1897-A, GOLD DUCATS, FR-385, PROOF-60. Total mintage including Proofs is only 35,000. Above average condition for this coin. . . . . 1,500.00  
**W-39** AUSTRIA: 1926, GOLD 100-SCHILLINGS, Y-83, PROOF-58. Usual light hairlines. Mintage is only 64,000. . . . . 575.00



- W-40** AUSTRIA: 1936, GOLD 100-SCHILLINGS, FR-437, PROOF-63. Only 12,000 minted this year of the popular Madonna of Maria Zell. . . . . 2,750.00



- W-96** GREAT BRITAIN: 1902, GOLD SOVEREIGN, PROOF-63, MATTE. Only 15,000 minted of this popular gold coin! . . . . . 595.00
- W-97** GREAT BRITAIN: 1911, GOLD SOVEREIGN, PROOF-63. Only 3,764 minted of this popular gold coin! . . . . . 795.00
- W-98** GREAT BRITAIN: 1911, GOLD 5-POUNDS, Y-80, PROOF-63. A proof only issue with only 2,812 struck. (See color photo.) . . . . . 5,750.00
- W-99** GREAT BRITAIN: 1916, GOLD SOVEREIGN, FR-269, MS-63. One of the scarcest dates of the series! . . . . . 395.00
- W-100** GREAT BRITAIN: 1937, GOLD TWO POUNDS, PROOF-65. Only 5,501 minted of this popular gold coin! . . . . . 2,500.00
- W-101** GREAT BRITAIN: GEORGE-1, 1718 GOLD QUARTER-GUINEA, AU-55, SEABY-3638. The only year of issue and seldom encountered! . . . . . 475.00
- W-102** GREAT BRITAIN: HENRY-VIII, (1509-1526) SEABY-2266, VF-30, AV-HALF ANGEL. First coinage, Castle mint-mark. Scarce! . . . . . 695.00
- W-103** HAMBURG: 1913-J, GOLD, 10-MARK, Y-61A, MS-67, PROOF-LIKE. An extremely choice specimen with only 41,000 pieces struck! . . . . . 1,500.00
- W-104** ITALY: 1814-M, GOLD 40-LIRE, FR-5, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. Napoleon as King of Italy. This coin rarely is seen better than very fine. Superb Prooflike surfaces! (See color photo.) . . . . . 2,250.00
- W-105** ITALY: 1906, PATTERN 100-LIRE, PAG-141, MATTE PROOF-65. Struck in gilt. Rarity-3, Victor Emanuele-III left/Italia in a Quadriga of Lions. A rare and truly impressive coin in superb condition! (See color photo.) . . . . . 2,250.00



**W-106** KATANGA: 1961, GOLD, 5-FRANCS, FR-1, MS-65. The only gold coin of this country. Only 20,000 struck! 395.00



- W-107** MEXICO: 1921, GOLD 50-PESOS, FR-172, MS-63. The Key date. Choice and scarce! . . . . . 1,500.00
- W-108** MEXICO: 1922, GOLD 50-PESOS, FR-172, MS-63. . . . . 1,295.00
- W-109** MEXICO: 1924, GOLD 50-PESOS, FR-172, MS-63. . . . . 1,295.00
- W-110** MEXICO: 1930, GOLD 50-PESOS, FR-172, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. Very choice! . . . . . 1,350.00
- W-111** MONACO: 1904-A, GOLD 100-FRANCS, Y-1, AU-55. The rarest date of this type with only 10,000 struck! . . . . . 1,250.00

- W-112** NETHERLANDS: 1897, GOLD 10-GULDEN, Y-28, FR-22, MS-60. The only "Collectible" year of this type! . . . . . 325.00
- W-113** NETHERLANDS: 1897, GOLD 10-GULDEN, Y-28, FR-22, MS-63. The only "Collectible" year of this type! . . . . . 395.00
- W-114** NETHERLANDS: 1897, GOLD 10-GULDEN, Y-28, FR-22, MS-65. The only "Collectible" year of this type! . . . . . 425.00
- W-115** NETHERLANDS: 1897, GOLD 10-GULDEN, Y-28, FR-22, MS-67. The only "Collectible" year of this type! . . . . . 695.00
- W-116** NETHERLANDS: 1827-B, GOLD 5-GULDEN, C-82, EF-45. Very scarce! Solder removed from edge. . . . . 1,000.00
- W-117** NETHERLANDS: 1875, GOLD 10-GULDEN, YB-16, MS-63. One year type! . . . . . 250.00
- W-118** NETHERLANDS: 1877, GOLD 10-GULDEN, YA-16, MS-65. . . . . 275.00
- W-119** NETHERLANDS: 1879, GOLD 10-GULDEN, YA-16, MS-63. Scarce date! . . . . . 300.00
- W-120** NETHERLANDS: 1879, GOLD 10-GULDEN, YA-16, MS-65. Scarce date! . . . . . 350.00
- W-121** NETHERLANDS: 1879, GOLD 10-GULDEN, YA-16, MS-67. Scarce date! . . . . . 395.00
- W-122** NETHERLANDS: 1879/7 OVERDATE, GOLD 10-GULDEN, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. A choice example of this RARE and important overdate! (See color photo.) . . . . . 1,450.00
- W-123** NETHERLANDS: 1889, GOLD 10-GULDEN, MS-65. Scarce date! . . . . . 350.00
- W-124** PERU: 1950 GOLD 50-SOLES, FR-79, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. Very rare with a total mintage of only 927 pieces! . . . . . 1,150.00
- W-125** PORTUGAL: 1747, 4-ESCUDOS, FR-65, MS-67. A dazzling gem coin with only the slightest adjustment marks. Magnificent! (See color photo.) . . . . . 2,500.00
- W-126** PORTUGAL: 1831, GOLD 2-ESCUDOS, FR-118, AU-55. Mintage is only 225! One of the very rarest Portuguese coins and possibly the finest known! . . . . . 4,500.00
- W-127** PRUSSIA: 1913, GOLD 20-MARKS, Y-127, MS-63. Kaiser in military uniform. . . . . 235.00
- W-128** PRUSSIA: 1888-A, GOLD 10-MARKS, MS-63. . . . . 295.00
- W-129** RUSSIA: 1818, GOLD 5-ROUBLES, MS-63. A choice and frosty specimen which is rarely seen in Mint State! . . . . . 1,750.00
- W-130** SALVADOR: 1925, GOLD 20-COLONES, FR-5, MS-63. An above average example of this very rare gold coin. A total of only 200 struck to commemorate the 400th year of founding of San Salvador. (See color photo.) . . . . . 5,500.00
- W-131** SOUTH AFRICA: 1898, GOLD POND, FR-2, MS-60. . . . . 595.00
- W-132** SPAIN: 1801, MADRID, PLATINUM 2-ESCUDOS, CF, AU-50. CAYON-16983. Struck in Platinum and gold plated at the Mint. 95% of plating intact! . . . . . 650.00
- W-133** SWEDEN: 1874, GOLD 10-KRONOR, MS-65. . . . . 475.00
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# World Coin Commentary

By Frank Garofalo

## The Current Market

The market for top-quality world coins has never been stronger, as evidenced by the increasing number of buy ads appearing in various trade publications. A further sign of market strength is that more dealers in stamps and U.S. coins are now buying high-quality world coins with an eye to the future. Dealers realize that mintage figures for many world coins reveal that hundreds of them are greatly underpriced on today's market — particularly when compared to U.S. coins of similar mintages. Among the most sought-after coins: the 19th Century German States coinage in Mint State and Proof; Swiss Cantonal coinage in top grade, which has virtually disappeared from the market; and Shooting Thalers in top quality, which have also vanished. It has been reported that many of the Shooting Thalers are now in Japan, as Japanese tourists and businessmen have actively bought up the available supply on their visits to Switzerland. English hammered and milled coins are showing strong advancement as more collectors start acquiring this already popular series. The future of world coins has never been brighter. True collectors are buying quality coins not only for their intrinsic beauty but also with the knowledge that these coins are sound purchases for the future.

## The ANA Grading System

Ancient and world coin collectors who have seen our offerings in **Coin World**, **World Coin News** and **Inventory Selections** often ask why New England uses the American Numismatic Association (ANA) grading system rather than the Sheldon system used by some other world coin dealers. New England did use the Sheldon system for many years, but because it was adjectival rather than numerical, it seemed to cause considerable confusion among our customers. For example, coins in Uncirculated condition were variously described as: Choice UNC, Gem UNC, Brilliant UNC, Brilliant Gem UNC, Superb Brilliant Gem UNC, etc. Remembering the relative values of these adjectival grades soon became a complex task.

In response to these difficulties, New England converted to the ANA system in February of 1979. Being numerically based, it is easier to remember the relative values of ANA grades. (The higher the number, the better the grade.) In addition, the amount of numbers involved in the system make ANA grades a more exact way to designate the condition of a coin. Because of this, the ANA grading system is rapidly being adopted by the entire numismatic community.

## ANA Grading

This ANA-Sheldon Conversion table will help you understand how to convert the Sheldon System grades into the American Numismatic Association grades used by New England Rare Coin Galleries' Ancient & World Coin Division.

### ANA GRADES

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Poor-1  | Basil State (1)         |
| Fair-2  | Fair (2)                |
| AG-3    | AG (3) or (3/4)         |
| G-4     | Good (4) or (4/6)       |
| G-6     | G-VG (6) or (6/8)       |
| VG-8    | VG (8)                  |
| VG-10   | VG-Fine (10) or (10/12) |
| Fine-12 | Fine (12) or (12/15)    |
| Fine-15 | Fine (15) or (15/20)    |
| VF-20   | VF (20)                 |
| VF-25   | VF (25)                 |
| VF-30   | VF (30)                 |
| VF-35   | VF-EF (35) or (35/40)   |
| EF-40   | EF (40) or (40/45)      |

### SHELDON GRADES

### ANA GRADES

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| EF-45    | EF-AU (45) or (45/50)                   |
| AU-50    | AU (50)                                 |
| AU-53    | Ch. AU (50/55)                          |
| AU-55    | Borderline UNC (55)                     |
| AU-58    | Borderline UNC (55/60)                  |
| MS-60    | UNC (60) or BU (60)                     |
| MS-63    | Ch. UNC (60/65) or Ch. BU (60/65)       |
| MS-65    | Gem UNC (65) or Gem BU (65)             |
| MS-67    | Superb UNC (65/70) or Superb BU (65/70) |
| MS-70    | Perfect UNC (70) or Perfect BU (70)     |
| Proof-60 | Proof                                   |
| Proof-63 | Choice Proof                            |
| Proof-65 | Gem Proof                               |
| Proof-67 | Superb Gem Proof                        |
| Proof-70 | Perfect Proof                           |



# World Selections Highlights



(obverse)



Ancient Roman  
Nero: 50-54 A.D.  
Av-Aureus  
AD-50



Foreign Minor  
Wurttemberg: 1912-F  
3-Mark  
Proof-67



Foreign Crown  
Austria: 1763-KB Thaler  
MS-63, Prooflike



Foreign Crown  
Prussia: 1901-A  
5-Mark  
Proof-67



Foreign Crown  
Germany 1927-A  
5-Mark  
MS-67



Foreign Crown  
Hesse-Darmstadt: 1904  
5-Mark  
Proof-67



Foreign Crown  
Tuscany 1807  
10-Lire  
MS-65



Foreign Gold  
France: 1739-A  
Louis D'Or  
MS-65



Foreign Gold  
France: 1935  
Gold 100-Francs  
MS-63



Foreign Gold  
Portugal: 1747  
4-Escudos  
MS-67



Foreign Gold  
Canada: 1913-C  
Gold Sovereign  
MS-63



Foreign Gold  
Great Britain: 1821  
Gold Sovereign  
MS-63



Foreign Gold  
Great Britain: 1911  
Gold 5-Pounds  
Proof-63



Foreign Gold  
Netherlands: 1879/7  
Gold 10-Guilden  
MS-63, Prooflike



Foreign Gold  
Italy: 1814-M  
Gold 40-Lire  
MS-63, Prooflike



Foreign Gold  
Italy: 1906  
Pattern 100-Lire  
Matte Proof-65



Foreign Gold  
Salvador: 1925  
Gold 20 Colones  
MS-63





Ancient Roman  
Nero: 50-54 A.D.  
Av-Aureus  
AU-50



Foreign Minor  
Wurttemberg: 1912-F  
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Foreign Crown  
Germany: 1927-A  
5-Mark  
MS-67



Foreign Crown  
Hesse-Darmstadt: 1904  
5-Mark  
Proof-67



Foreign Crown  
Tuscany: 1807  
10-Lire  
MS-65



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Great Britain: 1911  
Gold 5-Pounds  
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MS-63



# Collecting World Coins: An Overview

By Mary Ann Bacher

Ancient and world coins can be a fascinating hobby. When entering the field, most collectors recognize the wisdom in the adage "first the book then the coin." They obtain a solid background in ancient and world coins before they begin planning their collections. As a service to new collectors, New England presents this brief history of the origins of coinage and a survey of the many resources available to the ancient and world coin collector.

## The Origins of Coinage

No one really knows the origin of coinage, but scholars feel reasonably sure that this remarkable development occurred in the latter part of the 7th Century B.C. in western Asia Minor (modern Turkey). It is impossible to say whether it was the Greeks of Ionia or Lydia who made the first crude attempts at coinage — globules of electrum without obverse or reverse design. But the Greeks were widely scattered throughout much of the Mediterranean at that time, so it is not surprising that the new invention spread rapidly. By the second half of the 6th Century B.C., coinage had already expanded westward from Asia Minor.

Traditions that were established in this formative period of numismatics have had a strong impact on all subsequent coinage. The Greeks recognized coinage as a new medium of artistic expression, and religious subjects were the dominant theme in the earliest phases. Later, issuing authorities seized the opportunity to advertise the virtues of their states. With the establishment of the Hellenistic Kingdoms, came the first royal portraiture.

From these beginnings, other ancient cultures — Roman, Judean, Byzantine, Indian, and Chinese — developed their own varieties of coinage. The designs on these ancient coins usually depict some historical scene or make some political or religious allusion. From the artistic point of view, early coins reflect prevailing styles in art. Coins are also significant illustrations of contemporary life in a given period. Notable events, traditions, social and political changes, and artistic achievements are faithfully recorded in the inscriptions and designs they bear.

## Coin Collecting: An Early Hobby

Numismatics provides valuable information to so many fields of study, it is no wonder that coin collecting became one of man's earliest hobbies. Roman patricians collected Greek coins. Fourteenth Century Italian nobles collected Roman coins. English gentlemen of old considered the study of ancient coins a crucial part of a proper education. Famous men who interested themselves with coins include Nero, Copernicus, Michelangelo and James Watt. But until the 19th Century, the hobby of coin collecting was considered reserved for the upper classes.

Today, however, coin collecting is limited neither to privileged collectors nor to ancient coins. Modern coins (coins dated from 1450 onward) of all countries have become a rewarding area for many collectors. And like ancients, modern coins contain much historical information and artistic value. For example, most foreign countries, especially Germany, constantly recorded their military victories on their coinage. And foreign engravers were usually given more artistic freedom than their American counterparts, so these coins are often miniature pieces of fine art.

Ancient and world numismatics covers a broad field, and can only be fully understood by careful study of the coins and the various texts dealing with them. But no beginner should be deterred. There are many resources available to the collector of ancient or modern world coins.

## Major Associations in the U.S. and Abroad

There are many numismatic associations around the world — several in the U.S. — whose members share an interest in world coins. Each of the associations listed below, with the exception of the ANS, sponsors a major numismatic show each year. In the U.S., there is also the annual Numismatic International Coin Exposition (NICE Show) in Dallas and the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) in Chicago. Abroad, various national organizations and local and regional clubs sponsor annual shows.

☐ **The International Numismatic Society (INS)**, P.O. Box 19386, Washington, D.C. 20036. The INS offers an authentication service for ancient and world coins.

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## Major Ancient and World Coin Periodicals

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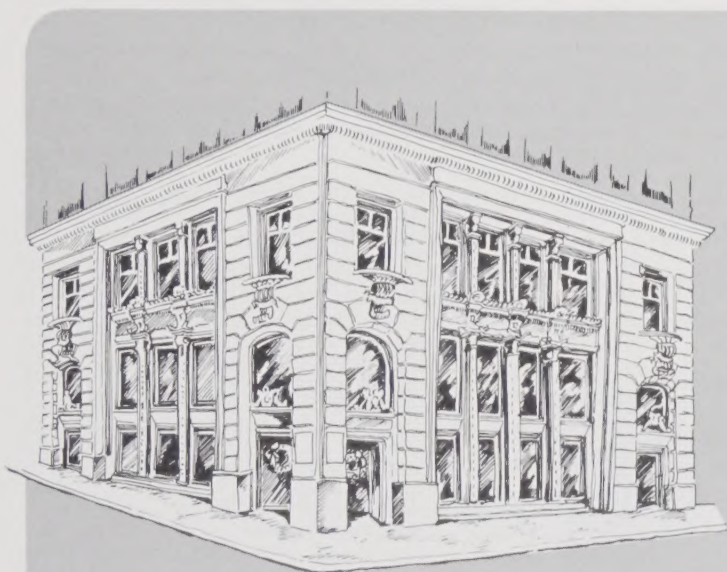


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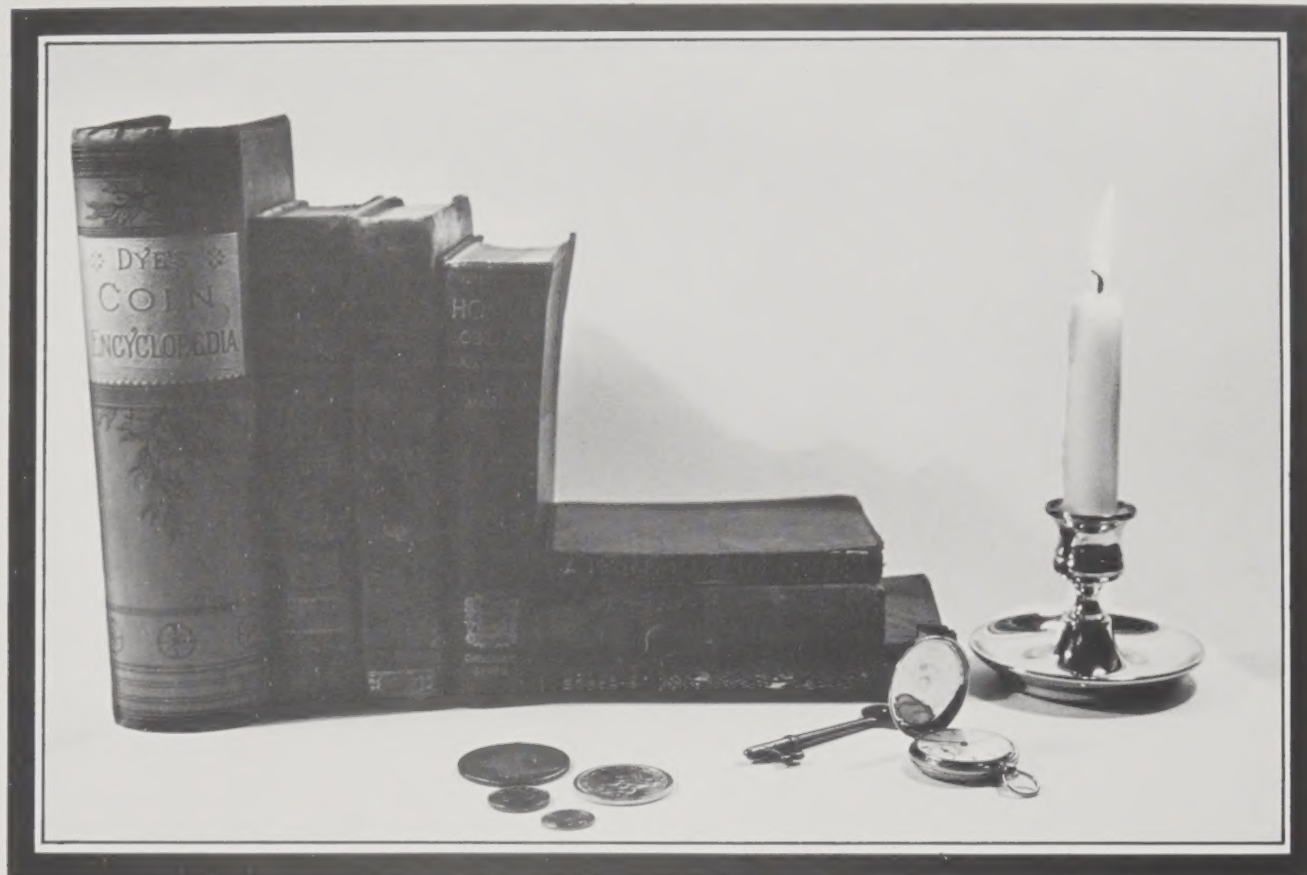


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